

International Conference on Conversation Analysis 2010 – Framing the reports

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Since inquiry into the structure and organization of everyday social interaction started in the early 1960s, it has grown vigorously into an increasingly accepted and multi-faceted field of research. In the meantime, it developed a number of branches including, but also going beyond, the original field of Conversation Analysis in terms of data, research questions and applications.

This development is also reflected in the kinds of conferences held in this field. The *International Conference on Conversation Analysis ICCA10* was the third of its kind. It took place in Mannheim, Germany, in July 2010 and was organized by Arnulf Deppermann, Thomas Spranz-Fogasy and Ahu Tanrisever from the Institute for the German Language (IDS), supported by the University of Mannheim. With its conference theme "Multimodal Interaction" it indeed programmatically broadened the focus of discussion to aspects of talk-in-interaction which had so far often still been neglected for pre-occupation with the verbal complexities of talk or simply for want of manageable methods of recording and analysis.

ICCA10 gathered some 650 participants from all over the world. They listened to 4 plenaries and altogether 330 presentations in 37 panels, 7 workshops and data sessions, plus 37 posters.

The following four conference reports shed some light on the broad variety of topics covered by the conference. They were written by travel grant holders of the German Society for Discourse and Interaction Analysis ("Gesprächsforschung e.V.", <http://www.gespraechsforschung-ev.de/>) from the perspective of their own work in the respective research areas. The reports focus on the issues of multimodal aspects of affectivity in interaction and language acquisition, units in talk-in-interaction as well as interaction in mediated settings of various kinds.

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